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| Advisory Action | Application No. | Applicant(s) | Uv / |
| | 09/857,386 | PHILLIPS ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
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| The MAILING DATE of this communication app | ears on the cover sheet with the c | correspondence add | ress |
| THE REPLY FILED 02 April 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THE Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to a sinal rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appears Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. | avoid abandonment of this applica 1) a timely filed amendment whicl | ation. A proper repl h places the applica | y to a ition in |
| PERIOD FOR R | EPLY [check either a) or b)] | | |
| a) The period for reply expires 4 months from the mailing da b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WA 706.07(f). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The ee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period ee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of 2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Off imely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 | Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth later than SIX MONTHS from the mailin. S FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF The date on which the petition under 37 CF of extension and the corresponding amount of the shortened statutory period for reply fice later than three months after the mai | g date of the final rejecting FINAL REJECTION. R 1.136(a) and the approperation of the fee. The appropriationally set in the final | on. See MPEP opriate extension ropriate extension Office action; or |
| 1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant' 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CF | | | |
| 2.⊠ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered b | pecause: | | |
| (a) they raise new issues that would require furth | ner consideration and/or search (| see NOTE below); | |
| (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note | | · | |
| (c) ⊠ they are not deemed to place the application issues for appeal; and/or | in better form for appeal by mate | rially reducing or si | mplifying the |
| (d) they present additional claims without cance | ling a corresponding number of f | inally rejected claim | s. |
| NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. | | | |
| 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection | ction(s): | • | |
| Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would canceling the non-allowable claim(s). | d be allowable if submitted in a se | eparate, timely filed | amendment |
| 5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request fo application in condition for allowance because: | | idered but does NO | T place the |
| 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered be raised by the Examiner in the final rejection. | cause it is not directed SOLELY t | o issues which wer | e newly |
| 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendmen explanation of how the new or amended claims were appeared to the proposed amendment of the prop | | | and an |
| The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: | : | ٥ | |
| Claim(s) allowed: | | | |
| Claim(s) objected to: <u>15</u> . | | | |
| Claim(s) rejected: <u>1,3-14 and 16-49</u> . | | | |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: | | | |
| 8. The drawing correction filed on is a) app | proved or b)☐ disapproved by t | he Examiner. | |
| 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Stateme | | | |
| 10. Other: | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | Bell | |
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Continuation of 2. NOTE: Claims 1, 3-49 remain rejected for the reasons set forth in the Final Rejection mailed December 30, 2003...